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Senior Trooper Kelly Jaskiewicz (right) was named the 2022 Trooper of the Year.

Maryland State Police Recognize Sworn, Civilian Personnel For Outstanding Service

(TIMONIUM, MD) — Maryland State Police Acting Superintendent Colonel Roland L. Butler, Jr., on March 22 announced promotions, presented awards for outstanding service and recognized employees of the year for the Department, including the announcement of the statewide Trooper, Non-Commissioned Officer, Emergency Dispatcher Supervisor, Emergency Dispatcher and Civilian Employee of the Year for 2022.

During a ceremony that recognized members of the Maryland Department of State Police for their outstanding service, Senior Trooper Kelly Jaskiewicz was named Trooper of the Year. She is assigned to the Criminal Enforcement Division Northern Region. Sergeant Bret McCartney of the Education and Training Division was named Non-

Commissioned Officer of the Year. The 2022 Emergency Dispatcher of the Year was awarded to Ms. Monica Kline of the La Plata Barrack, while Ms. Pamela Bryant, of the Prince Frederick Barrack, was honored as the Emergency Dispatcher Supervisor of the Year. The final Department award was presented to Ms. Rita Gatton, assigned to the Prince Frederick Barrack. She was recognized as the 2022 Maryland State Police Civilian of the Year.

The Maryland State Police Promotions and Awards Ceremonies were held at the Maryland State Fairgrounds and was attended by families, friends and co-workers of award recipients.

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Awards were also presented for incidents involving troopers who were assaulted by armed suspects, a trooper who saved the life of a tow truck operator, trapped underneath an SUV that fell on top of him while loading it on the roll back and employees who went above and beyond the call of duty while serving and protecting the people of Maryland.

Senior Trooper Kelly Jaskiewicz, 2022 Trooper of the Year

Senior Trooper Jaskiewicz is a 15-year-veteran and a graduate of the 131st Maryland State Police Academy Class. While assigned to Glen Burnie and North East Barracks, she received specialty training in many different facets of law enforcement. She quickly gained a reputation as a diligent and knowledgeable investigator and was later selected to join the Criminal Enforcement Division, Northern Region, where she is responsible for the management of complex criminal investigations.

In 2022, Senior Trooper Jaskiewicz handled 22 criminal investigations, 10 of which have been closed by arrest with 13 suspects criminally charged. One of her most notable cases involved an attempted murder/rape investigation from 2002 that was suspended due to lack of

evidence. With the assistance of the FBI Baltimore Division, Senior Trooper Jaskiewicz was able to locate and arrest a suspect 20 years after the crime was committed.

Senior Trooper Jaskiewicz's community service to the citizens of Maryland goes above and beyond the call of duty. She is known for her acts of selfless service, providing gifts to families in need while she is off-duty during the holidays.

Sergeant Bret McCartney, 2022 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

Sergeant Bret McCartney was acknowledged for his work in the Firearms Training Unit of the Maryland State Police Education and Training Division. As the lead Firearms Instructor for the agency, Sgt. McCartney is responsible for all academic entrance level and in-service firearms training. He also provides direction to approximately 100 regional firearms instructors who conduct training throughout the state.

Ms. Pamela Bryant, 2022 Maryland State Police Emergency Dispatcher Supervisor of the Year

Ms. Pamela Bryant is assigned to the Prince Frederick Barrack. She was commended for her

professionalism and for making the safety of the troopers her main priority. When troopers hear Emergency Dispatcher Supervisor Bryant on the radio, they are confident in the accuracy and timely information they will receive.

Ms. Monica Kline, 2022 Maryland State Police Emergency Dispatcher of the Year

Ms. Monica Kline is assigned to the La Plata Barrack. She started her career in 2001. Emergency Dispatcher Kline is fully invested in public service especially when operating the communications console. She is known to arrive early and stay late to get the job done.

Ms. Rita Gatton, 2022 Civilian of the Year

Ms. Rita Gatton is an Administrative Specialist II for the Prince Frederick Barrack. Ms. Gatton started with the Maryland State Police in 1975. She also maintains a contractual Emergency Dispatcher position and works to fill vacancies at other barracks throughout the region.

Additional awards were presented for lifesaving, being injured in the line-of-duty and for outstanding performance in assigned duties.



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MSP Women's Summit Offers Day Of 'Community and Education' For Female Personnel

Retired Major General Linda L. Singh recalled walking into her first leadership meeting, sitting down and looking into the faces of all men, except for one female. At that moment, Dr. Singh challenged herself to be the change and to use her power to level the playing field, which ultimately helped her create the first-ever all-female command team in National Guard history.

Dr. Singh offered this piece of advice to about 50 women gathered at the inaugural Maryland State Police Women's Summit. It was held March 10 at the Major General Linda L. Singh Readiness Center in Sykesville.

Dr. Singh's 38-year career propelled her to become the first woman and the first African-American adjutant general in National Guard history.

During her presentation

at the Women's Summit, Dr. Singh reflected on her time rising through the National Guard ranks, speaking of the gender issues, bias and discrimination that continue to persist for women in the military and law enforcement.

In 2021, women comprised 13.3% of U.S. police officers and 17.3% of active-duty military personnel.

Women make up 57% of the overall personnel in the Maryland State Police, but only 7% of those women are sworn personnel.

Dr. Singh concluded her presentation by encouraging the audience to "see one, lift one" and reminding them that, by building each other up, the workforce can improve for everyone, not just women.

Improving a workforce means the promotion of diversity and inclusion,



but it also means the promotion of mental health, said MSP Licensed Clinical Social Worker Erica Carlson.

Trauma and healing run hand-in-hand, meaning that the more personnel are exposed to traumatic incidents, the more urgent the care of their mental health becomes, she said.

"The nature of our work makes us all susceptible to secondary traumatic/critical incident stress reactions," Carlson said.

Summit participants were

given an opportunity to socialize and network with other Department personnel from across all 23 barracks.

Concluding the Women's Summit, Sgt. Jenna Turner of the Maryland State Police Aviation Command and Major Rosemary Chappell of the Support Services Bureau, invited feedback and fielded questions from the audience.

"It was an incredible day of community and education," Sgt. Turner said.



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PHOTOS: MSP Supports Special Olympics Maryland Winter Games



From Feb. 26-28, troopers from the McHenry Barrack participated in the 2023 Special Olympics Maryland Winter Games held at the Wisp Resort in Garrett County. Troopers participated in the open ceremonies, assisted with an event for the athletes and presented awards to all the athletes. Thank you Special Olympics Maryland for allowing us to be involved with such an amazing event.



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Troopers Combat Impaired Driving Over St. Patrick's Day Weekend

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – Maryland State Police urged those who plan to celebrate with alcohol to drink responsibly and avoid impaired, distracted and aggressive driving over the St. Patrick's Day weekend.

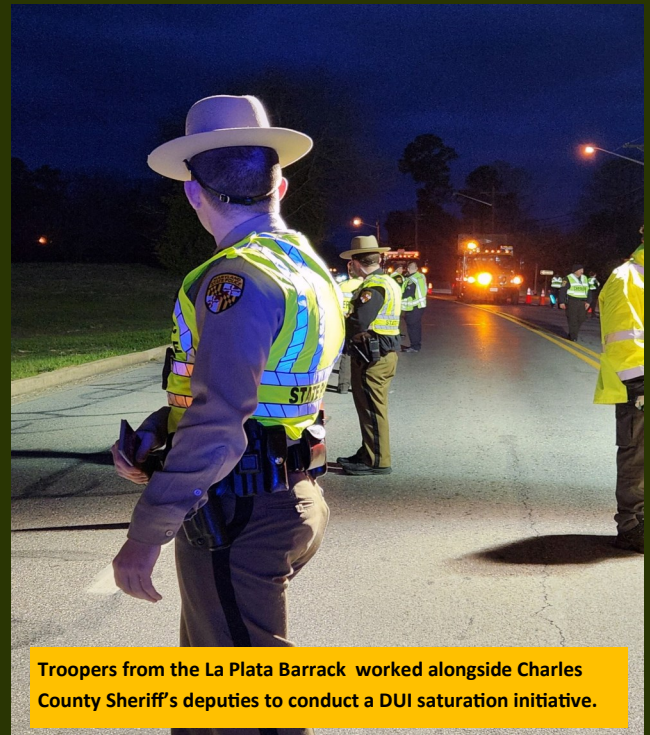
With an expected increase of impaired drivers throughout the state, troopers at all 23 Maryland State Police barracks conducted saturation patrols, focusing on impaired, distracted and aggressive driving. A portion of the costs associated with the increased enforcement efforts were paid through impaired driving saturation funds provided by the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration's

Highway Safety Office.

The initiatives included saturation patrols in areas known to have a higher number of DUI crashes or arrests. These efforts, in many cases, included partnering with allied law enforcement and other state agencies to enforce the law and offer outreach to the community. Overall, troopers recorded 86 impaired driving arrests from March 17-19.

Among those initiatives:

- Troopers from the Central Troop, Northern Troop, Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit and Special Operations Division partnered with the Maryland Transportation Authority Police and



Troopers from the La Plata Barrack worked alongside Charles County Sheriff's deputies to conduct a DUI saturation initiative.

Baltimore County Police Department. Efforts were focused on I-95, I-70, I-695, I-83, I-795 and other heavily traveled roads in Carroll, Howard, and Baltimore Counties. Overall, 18 impaired driving arrests were made.

in Bel Air. Five motorists were arrested for impaired driving.

- The Hagerstown Barrack conducted a St. Patrick's Day weekend crash and crime reduction initiative from March 16-19. Troopers removed 4 intoxicated drivers from the roadway and made 2 drug arrests during the initiative.

- Troopers from the Bel Air, JFK Memorial Highway and North East barracks worked a joint traffic initiative



Troopers conducted a joint initiative with officers from Baltimore County Police and Maryland Transportation Authority Police.



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Troopers Uncover Suspected Heroin, Fentanyl, Cocaine Following Traffic Stop In Washington County

(HAGERSTOWN, MD) — Maryland State Police arrested a man March 1 after uncovering suspected heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine following a traffic stop in Washington County.

The accused is identified as Orlando Rogers Jr., 38, of Baltimore, Maryland. Rogers is charged with felony drug distribution, possession with intent to distribute fentanyl/heroin, mix, and possession with intent to distribute cocaine, resisting arrest and other related criminal charges.

Shortly before 1 p.m. on March 1, a trooper from the Maryland State Police Hagerstown Barrack conducted a traffic stop on a Nissan Versa, traveling westbound on Route 40 (Dual Highway) at Day Road for speeding. During the traffic stop, numerous criminal indicators

were present which led the investigators on scene to conduct a K9 scan on the vehicle.



According to a preliminary investigation, the K9 scan produced a positive alert. During the search of the vehicle, troopers located 479 grams of suspected cocaine, along with approximately 170 grams of a mixture of suspected heroin and fentanyl.

As troopers attempted to arrest

Rogers, the suspect jumped into his vehicle in an attempt to flee the scene. Before Rogers was able to flee, troopers placed him under arrest.

Following his arrest, Rogers was transported to the Maryland State Police Hagerstown Barrack for processing. He was later transported to Washington County Central Booking where he was seen by a court commissioner. He is currently being held without bond at the Washington County Detention Center. Hagerstown Police Department assisted in this arrest.

Maryland State Police continue to work in close coordination with local, state, and federal partners to disrupt any criminal enterprises that threaten the citizens of Maryland. The investigation is active and ongoing.



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The MSP Honeybadgers celebrate after defeating the DC Metropolitan Police Department to win the Maryland Heroes Hockey League championship.

MSP Honeybadgers Capture Maryland Heroes Hockey League Title

(LAUREL, MD) – The MSP Honeybadgers ice hockey team defeated the DC Metropolitan Police Department, 8-1, on March 9 at The Gardens Icehouse in Laurel, Maryland, to capture the Maryland Heroes Hockey League (MHLL) title.

The championship team was founded in 2018 to begin play in the MHLL. The MHLL is believed to be the largest first responders league of its kind and is made up of teams from Maryland and Washington, D.C. The league includes a team of doctors, nurses and medical professionals from Shock Trauma.

This season, the Honeybadgers finished with a 15-8 record. The team also raised more than \$1,300 in donations to benefit Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

The Honeybadgers is made up of current and former troopers as well as law enforcement officers from other departments, military members and government workers. The team competes annually in the MHLL as well as the Troopers Helping Troopers tournament each January in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

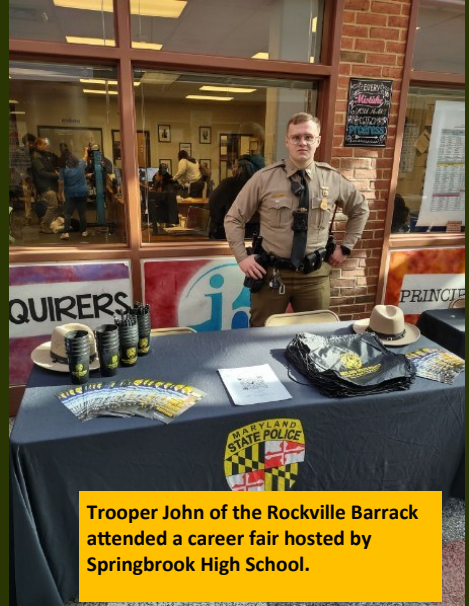


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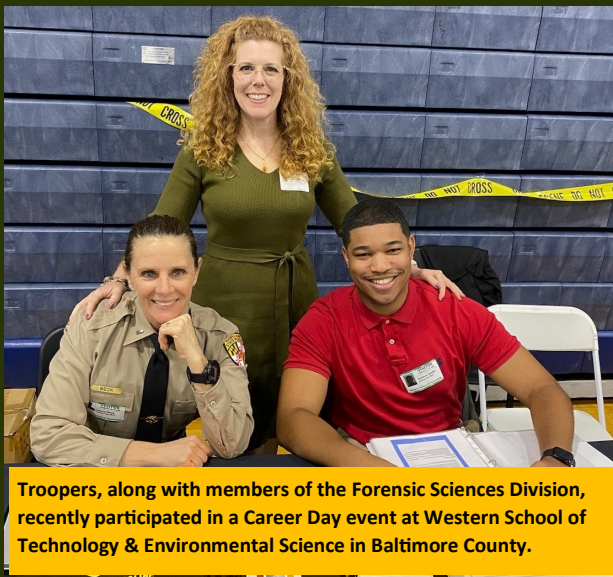
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The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency recently teamed with the Maryland State Police to demonstrate SIGMA+ chemical, biological, radiological/nuclear, and explosive threat-detection sensors during a week-long exercise



Trooper John of the Rockville Barrack attended a career fair hosted by Springbrook High School.



Troopers, along with members of the Forensic Sciences Division, recently participated in a Career Day event at Western School of Technology & Environmental Science in Baltimore County.



Crime Scene Technician Jennifer Jeudy and Retired Det. Sgt. Steve Vincent spoke to students at Accident Elementary School about their professions.

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